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MANAGEMENT SECTOR GROUP (WMSG) : PARIS, JUNE 13-15,
1972. SUMMARY REPORT.

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SUMMARY - WMSG HELD CONSTRUCTIVE MEETING, CHAIRIED BY
CAWLEY, EPA. MAJOR ITEMS WERE KA) DRAFT FRAMEWORK FOR
RELATIONS WITH ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, INCLUDING FUTURE
PROGRAM PRIORITIES, (B) ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP
ON THERMAL POLLUTION TO DEVELOP WMSG CONTRIBUTION TO
OECD ENERGY STUDY,(C) ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP
TO EXAMINE AND REPORT ON CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES
FOR MICRO- POLLUTANTS, WITH RELEVANT INFORMATION ON
EFFECTS ,(D) EUTROPHICATION MEASUREMENT AND MONITORING.
NEXT MEETINGS : WMSG : OCTOBER 16-19, 1973. APRIL 23-26, 1974.
END SUMMARY .

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1. RELATIONS WITH ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. WMSG CONCLUDED THAT ITS FOREMOST ROLE IS TO ACT AS TECHNICAL ADVISER TO ENVCOMMITTEE, ADVISING LATTER ON POLICY ISSUES ARISING FROM WATER MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS. DRAFT FRAMEWORK FOR DOCUMENT ALONG THESE LINES WAS SUBMITTED TO WMSG FOR DISCUSSION (ROOM DOC 4). MEMBERS WILL PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS BY SEPTEMBER 20 ON THEIR ASSESSMENT OF WMSG FUNCTION, WITH AN APPRECIATION OF FUTURE WORK PRIORITIES. WMSG WILL DISCUSS IN OCTOBER AND PRESENT TO ENVCOMMITTEE IN NOVEMBER.

2. THERMAL POLLUTION IN WATER. THE WMSG ESTABLISHED A WORKING GROUP ON THERMAL DISCHARGES TO EXAMINE THE CURRENT PROBLEM, ITS LIKELY EVOLUTION, AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. THIS GROUP WILL MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME LATE OCTOBER 1973, AND REPORT TO THE WMSG BY MID-1974. THE REPORT WILL INTER ALIA PROVIDE WMSG'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE OECD STUDY OF THE ENERGY PROBLEM. A CONSULTANT WILL PREPARE A SEPARATE REPORT TO THE WMSG (OCTOBER 1973) OUTLINING SCOPE AND MAGNITUDE OF OTHER WATER PROBLEMS ARISING FROM ENERGY CONVERSION, AND PRODUCTION/ CONSUMPTION OF FUELS.

3. MICRO- POLLUTANTS IN WATER. THE EXPLORATORY GROUP THAT MET ON MAY 29-30, 1973 RECOMMENDED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EXPERT GROUP THAT WOULD EXAMINE IN DETAIL THE INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIRED TO COMPARE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY AND EFFECTS OF POLLUTANTS, LEADING TO THE IDENTIFICATION OF GAPS IN KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE, (ROOM DOC 5). THIS GROUP WILL REPORT TO THE WMSG BY END 1974.

4. EUTROPHICATION MEASUREMENT AND MONITORING. WMSG DISCUSSION SHOWED CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN SIGNIFICANCE THIS PROJECT BEYOND ORIGINAL EXPECTATIONS. WMSG THEREFORE DIRECTED PROJECT COORDINATING GROUP (SCHEDULED TO MEET SEPTM 24-25, 1973, STRENGTHENED BY TWO WMSG MEMBERS) TO COMPLETELY REASSESS PROJECT, INCLUDING COST ESTIMATES AND IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES. REPORT TO WMSG, OCTOBER 1973.

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5. PHENOLS. A CONSULTANT WILL ANALYZE THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MEMBER- COUNTRIES. REPORT TO WMSG, OCTOBER 1973.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS. CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN WMSG. EXPERT GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES ASSOCIATED WITH WATER DEVELOPMENT WILL EXAMINE OCTOBER 15-16, 1973, WITH SUBSEQUENT REPORTS TO WMSG AND ENVCOMMITTEE.

7. COST EFFECTIVENESS ANALYSIS FOR PHOSPHATE REDUCTION.
MEMBER- COUNTRIES TO COMMENT ON METHODOLOGY AT
SOME FUTURE MEETING.

8. PULP AND PAPER. REPORT TABLED. MEMBERS WILL SUBMIT
COMMENTS BY SEP. 1, 1973, WITH SECRETARIAT PAPER ON
WATER POLICY IMPLICATIONS FOR WMSG, OCTOBER 1973. BROWN

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